



Brendan Nash is expected to become the first white cricketer to represent the West Indies in a home test in more than 30 years. The Australian born player is in the squad to face England in Jamaica, his parents' birthplace. Our Sports News reporter Alex Capstick reports:

It's a most unlikely homecoming. Brendan Nash was born in Perth, Western Australia. His family had moved from Jamaica. He was a good cricketer but ultimately failed **to make his mark** in Australia.

It was during the 2007 World Cup in the Caribbean that he decided to move to the land of his parents. Within a year of playing cricket for Jamaica he was included in the squad to tour New Zealand where he **made his test debut**.

His inclusion **had divided opinion**. For racial reasons some people **objected to** Brendan Nash's selection. No white man had played for the West Indies since Geoff Greenidge represented the region in 1973. Others **were sceptical of** a player who in effect was an Australian reject.

But his performances in New Zealand suggested he could add some much needed **resilience** to the West Indies batting **line-up**. And it's hoped his professional attitude, **honed** in the tough Australian system, will **rub off on** his new colleagues.

It's been a long time since the West Indies had a team to be proud of. They haven't won a test series against England in fifteen years. If Brendan Nash can **help stop the rot**, the cricket loving public in the Caribbean probably won't mind what colour he is.

Alex Capstick, BBC

Vocabulary and definitions

to make his mark	here, to succeed
made his test debut	played in a five-day international cricket game for the first time
had divided opinion	made some people agree with the decision and others, to disagree
objected to	were against
were sceptical of	doubted, questioned, were doubtful of
resilience	being able to recover quickly from a setback/problem
line-up	team/members of the team
honed	practised for such a long period of time that it has become excellent
rub off on	influence, have a positive effect on
help stop the rot	contribute to the improvement

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